

AN ACT

relating to the closure of a road or highway by certain firefighters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 546, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 546.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 546.007. CLOSURE OF ROAD OR HIGHWAY BY FIREFIGHTER.

(a) This section applies only to a firefighter who is employed by or a member of:

(1) a fire department operated by an emergency services district;

(2) a volunteer fire department; or

(3) a fire department of a general-law municipality.

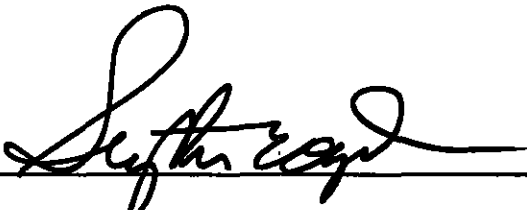
(b) A firefighter, when performing the firefighter's official duties, may close one or more lanes of a road or highway to protect the safety of persons or property.

(c) The closure shall be limited to the affected lane or lanes and one additional lane unless the safety of emergency personnel operating on the road or highway requires more lanes to be closed.

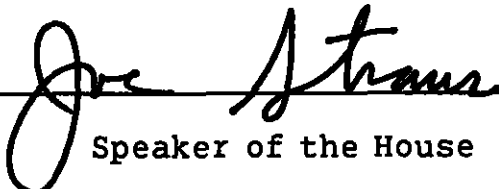
(d) In making a closure under this section, the firefighter shall deploy one or more authorized emergency vehicles with audible and visual signals that meet the requirements of Sections 547.305 and 547.702.

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1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

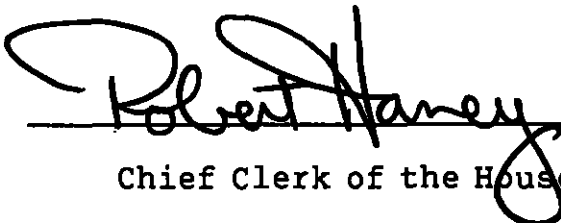


President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 993 was passed by the House on March 30, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.



Chief Clerk of the House


I certify that H.B. No. 993 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.



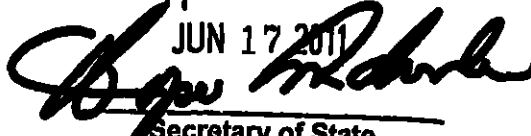
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 Jun '11

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